

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 QUEBEC 00255 081317Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07
INR-07 LAB-04 NSAE-00 SIL-01 DHA-02 IO-14 DODE-00
PM-04 H-02 L-03 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-15 /097 W
-----103197 081322Z /42

P 072115Z JUL 77
FM AMCONSUL QUEBEC
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1039
INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY
AMCONSUL MONTREAL
AMCONSUL TORONTO

UNCLAS QUEBEC 0255

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: ELAB CA
SUBJ: EMPLOYERS "DUMBFOUNDED" BY PROPOSED ANTI-SCAB LEGISLATION

1. GOQ HAS COMPLETED DRAFT OF NEW LABOR LAW (CODE DU TRAVAIL) WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE TABLED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS. NEW BILL WILL INCLUDE "ANTI-SCAB" AND INVOLUNTARY "CHECK-OFF" PROVISIONS LONG SOUGHT BY ORGANIZED LABOR. PROPOSED LEGISLATION ALSO WILL EMPOWER THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE "MINIMUM WORKING CONDITIONS" WHEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A FIRST COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY REPORTEDLY WERE "DUMBFOUNDED" (ABASOURDIS) BY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXTENT OF NEW ANTI-SCAB LEGISLATION. EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JEAN-PAUL LETOURNEAU, TOLD LE DEVOIR THAT AT THE RECENT ECONOMIC SUMMIT, PM LEVESQUE HAD MENTIONED ONLY THE "POSSIBILITY OF GUARANTEEING STRIKING WORKERS THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR JOBS AFTER THE CONFLICT WAS SETTLED."

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 QUEBEC 00255 081317Z

3. COMMENT: GOQ'S UNEXPECTED GENEROSITY TO ORGANIZED LABOR WAS PROBABLY MOTIVATED BY WISH TO COMPENSATE PRESIDENT OF QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOR, LOUIS LABERGE, FOR HIS COOPERATIVENESS AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. IT MAY ALSO REPRESENT AN EFFORT TO PLACATE OTHER LABOR ELEMENTS WHO HAVE BEEN NOTABLY COOL IN RECENT MONTHS TOWARDS THE PQ.
MCNAMARA

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, LABOR LAW, LABOR RELATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-Jul-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977QUEBEC00255
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770243-0131
Format: TEL
From: QUEBEC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770782/aaaactow.tel
Line Count: 62
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: a558a66f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1936867
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EMPLOYERS \"DUMBFOUNDED\" BY PROPOSED ANTI-SCAB LEGISLATION
TAGS: ELAB, CA
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/a558a66f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009